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SUBJECT: SILVEIRA'S COMMENTS ON VANCE LETTER AND NPT

1. SUMMARY: AFTER MEETING WITH GEISEL JUNE 22, FON MIN SILVEIRA COMMENTED TO THE PRESS ABOUT SECRETARY VANCE'S RECENT LETTER, THE NPT AND BRAZILIAN RELATIONS WITH URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA (SEPTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. SILVEIRA REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER AS "VERY POSITIVE" AND INDICATED THAT IT COVERED A BROAD HORIZON OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS UPON WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD COOPERATE. SILVEIRA ALSO REITERATED COMMENTS HE MADE AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE UPON HIS RETURN FROM GRENADA ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT IN USG/GOB RELATIONS. HE AGAIN CHARACTERIZED HIS MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY IN PARIS
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AND GRENADA AS "EXTREMELY FRANK" AND SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD NOT SHOWN THE "LEAST INTENTION OF CONFRONTATION OR RECRIMINATION." RELATIONS NOW SILVEIRA SAID, ARE "MUCH MORE FLUID, MUCH MORE CLOSE. I FEEL MUCH MORE OPTIMISTIC."

3. SILVEIRA ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD JUST RECEIVED THE LETTER BEFORE HIS VISIT TO GEISEL (JUNE 23). AND WAS STILL ANALYZING

IT. WHILE HE HAD TOLD GEISEL OF THE CONTENTS, PRESIDENT
WOULD SEE THE LETTER AFTER IT WAS FULLY ANALYZED BY ITAMARARY.

4. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF BRAZIL
SIGNING THE NPT, SILVEIRA ANSWERED "I THINK NOT. THE
POSITION THAT WE HAVE, A CORRECT POSITION, IS THAT WE ARE
DISPOSED TO RENEGOTIATE THE TREATY OR AMEND IT. IF THERE
IS A MEETING TO AMEND OR RENEGOTIATE THE TREATY, WE ARE
DISPOSED TO PARTICIPATE WITH GREAT GOODWILL AND GOOD FAITH."

5. SILVEIRA NOTED THAT
FROM MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, BRAZIL WAS A REGIONAL (AS
OPPOSED TO GLOBAL) COUNTRY. HE SAID "OUR REGION INTERESTES US
MORE DIRECTLY THAN ANY INTERNATIONAL TREATY. WE ARE NOT
PREJUDICED AGAINST THE TREATY (NPT), I WANT TO MAKE THIS CLEAR.
BUT WE THINK WE MUST SUBSCRIBE TO A REGIONAL TREATY BEACUSE
THER IS A REGIONAL COMMITMENT NOT ONLY NOT TO FABRICATE
NUCLEAR ARMS, BUT ALSO NOT TO DEPLOY ARMS, THAT DOES
NOT EXIST IN THE NPT. THIS PERMITS THE NPT COUNTRIES NOT
NUCLEARLY ARMED TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE TRANSIT OR DEPLOYEMENT
OF ARMS. THIS DOES NOT EXIST IN LATIN AMERICA AND WE THINK
THAT IT SHOULD BE PRESERVED."

6. SILVEIRA ALSO MADE CLEAR TO PRESS THAT MRS. CARTER HAD DISCUSSED
WITH GEISEL ALL THE SUBJECTS WHICH SHE HAD
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FOCUSSED UPON IN HER INTERVIEWS,
INCLUDING NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE ADDED THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN ABOUT THE US
POSITION, AND THAT BRAZILIANS HAD MADE CLEAR THEIR POSITION.
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